

# **DEPARTMENT OF FAIR EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING ANNOUNCES IN-PERSON COMPLAINT FILING PROGRAM IN SAN BERNARDINO**

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ELK GROVE -- The Department of Fair Employment and Housing ("DFEH"), the state's civil rights enforcement agency, announced today that it is now scheduling in-person intake appointments in San Bernardino. The DFEH's mission is to protect the people of California from unlawful discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations, and from the perpetration of acts of hate violence.

In June 2003, as a result of budget reductions, the DFEH was forced to close its San Bernardino District Office. Since that time, intake appointments for persons residing in San Bernardino and the surrounding communities have been conducted in the DFEH's Santa Ana or Los Angeles offices.

Effective immediately, anyone from the San Bernardino area interested in pursuing the possibility of filing a complaint alleging that they have been subjected to unlawful employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation should call the DFEH's Communication Center at (800) 884-1684. No services will be provided on a "walk-in" basis.

All appointments will be scheduled at the San Bernardino Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department's Fifth Street Senior Center which has graciously provided office space to the DFEH for this purpose.

"We're pleased that the DFEH has forged this partnership with the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department," said Fred Aguiar, Secretary, State and Consumer Services Agency which oversees the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. "This is an example of state and local cooperation that serves as a model for others to follow."

Added DFEH Director, Suzanne Ambrose, "We are grateful for this opportunity to enhance the delivery of our services to the residents of San Bernardino and the surrounding area."

For more information about the work of the DFEH or the laws it enforces, including the Fair Employment and Housing, Unruh Civil Rights, and Ralph Acts, visit the DFEH's website: [www.dfeh.ca.gov](http://www.dfeh.ca.gov).